

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of April 12, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the following Remarks.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claims 1 and 6, and dependent claims 2-5, is not disclosed by previously cited Silverbrook, for at least the following reasons.

In the Response to Arguments section of the present Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the Applicant argued in the Reply to the previous Office Action that the printhead of Silverbrook is not a pagewidth printhead, and rebuts this argument citing page 1, lines 11-25 of Silverbrook. However, this respectfully was not point of the Applicant's argument. Rather, the Applicant's argument was directed to the following distinguishing features of tci and the disclosure of Silverbrook.

In the present invention, the cradle 4 is provided with the recess 89 for removably receiving the inkjet printer cartridge 6. The printer cartridge carries the pagewidth print head chip 52. This arrangement simplifies the construction of the cradle, because the cradle itself does not carry any printhead components, and makes it easier to replace a spent or defective printhead, as the cartridge can be easily removed and replaced. As claimed in pending independent claims 1 and 6, the cradle is only provided with the air compressor for feeding air to the printhead of the printer cartridge to maintain the printhead free of damaging debris (see page 5, lines 15-25, page 7, lines 3-17 and page 12, line 17-page 13, line 4 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Silverbrook discloses an arrangement in which the print engine 500, used by the Examiner as the claimed cradle, is integrally provided with both the pump 122 and the printhead 516 as part of the subassemblies 506 and 508 of the print engine. The print roll cartridge 504 of Silverbrook which is removably mounted to the print engine, used by the Examiner as the claimed inkjet cartridge, merely has print media and ink supplies (see col. 2, line 25-col. 3, line 5 and Fig. 3 of Silverbrook).

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Thus, Silverbrook does not disclose, or suggest, a cradle having an air compressor which cooperates with an air inlet port of a removable inkjet cartridge of a type having a printhead, as is required by pending claims 1-6.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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